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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7,12 and 13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6,8-11, 14-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 28 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-6,8-11,14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admission and of Song et al (US 6215541) and of Baek et al (US 6524876) in view of Matsumoto (US 5969780).

Regarding Claim 1,6,

The admission (Figure 1) discloses a scan line (110) disposed over a substrate (10), a redundant scan line (120) disposed over the scan line (110), a dielectric layer (130), disposed between the scan line (110) and the redundant scan line (120), wherein contact holes (132) are formed in the dielectric layer (130) wherein the scan line (110) is electrically connected with the redundant scan line (120) through at least one or more first contact holes that expose a portion of the scan line, a data line (40) disposed over the substrate (10) an active component (160) disposed adjacent to an intersection of the scan line (110) and the data line (140) and a pixel electrode (170) electrically connected

to the active component (160) wherein the active component is controlled by the scan line (110) to write an image signal transmitted by the data line (140) to the pixel electrode (170).

Admission does not disclose more than three first contact holes wherein each first contact hole has a length in a range of about 20 mu.m to about a length of the scan line

Song et al disclose (Figure 5) three contact holes connecting data line and redundant data line. Song et al does not disclose three contact holes connecting the scan line and redundant scan line. But it would have been obvious to have three contact holes connecting the scan line and redundant scan line to achieve the same objective as having three contact holes connecting data line and redundant data line to provide reliable connection between the lines.

Baek et al discloses (Fig. 19) four contact holes.

Matsumoto discloses (Column 5, rows 35-46) the size of the contact hole is about 20 mu.m to achieve good electrical connection.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time when the invention was made to modify the admission, Song et al, and Baek et al's four contact holes motivated by the desire to increase the reliability of the contacts between pads and drivers. (Song et al, Column 1, Row 47-48) to also include Matsumoto's contact hole size motivated by the desire to provide good electrical connection (Column 5, rows 35-46).

Regarding Claim 2,8,

The admission discloses (Figure 1) a data line (40) disposed over the substrate (10), and a redundant data line, disposed under the data line, wherein the dielectric layer is disposed between the data line and the redundant data line, and the dielectric layer has contact holes wherein the data line is electrically connected with the redundant data line through at least one or more second contact holes that expose a portion of the redundant data line.

The admission does not disclose using more than three contact holes.

Song et al disclose (Figure 5) three contact holes (74, and the other contact holes next to 74) located to connect the scan line (24) and redundant scan line (84).

Baek et al discloses (Fig. 19) four contact holes.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time when the invention was made to modify the admission, Matsumoto, and Song et al's three contact holes to include Baek et al's four contact holes motivated by the desire to increase the reliability of the contacts between pads and drivers. (Song et al, Column 1, Row 47-48)

Regarding Claim 3,9,14,

The Admission, Song et al, and Baek et al do not disclose the contact hole having a size in a range of about 20 mu.m.

Matsumoto discloses (Column 5, rows 35-46) the size of the contact hole is about 20 mu.m to achieve good electrical connection.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time when the invention was made to modify the admission, Song et al, and Baek et al to include

Matsumoto's contact hole size motivated by the desire to provide good electrical connection (Column 5, rows 35-46).

Regarding Claim 4,10,15.

In addition to the admission, Song et al, Baek et al and Matsumoto as disclosed above, Matsumoto discloses (Fig. 4) the contact hole comprises a square (rectangle) hole.

Regarding Claim 5,11,16.

In addition to the admission, Song et al, Baek et al and Matsumoto as disclosed above, the admission further discloses (Figure 1, 160) the active component comprises a thin film transistor.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy P. Chien whose telephone number is 571-272-8579. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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